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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1912.

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## TOWN NOTES.

A special meeting of the Fire Company will be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All out.

Members of Economy Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Collegeville, will hold services in Trinity Reformed Church, Sunday evening, in honor of the anniversary of the founding of the lodge.

Mrs. Christian Bauer and children and maid, and Miss May Clamer left for New York, Wednesday. They will sail for Italy on the following day. Mrs. Bauer's husband will join the party in Italy, and later they will meet Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clamer, who expect to sail for Europe during May. Mrs. Bauer may reside in Germany next winter.

Don't forget the Japanese Tea in the lecture room of Trinity Church, Thursday evening. The price of admission is 10 cents. Home-made cake and candy and ice cream will be on sale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Van Osten, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday at their bungalow.

An artesian well is being drilled on the property of A. Pearlstone. A depth of over 110 feet has been reached.

The Theatrical Club was entertained, Saturday evening, by Mrs. F. W. Gristock. The usual pleasant evening was spent. Mrs. Ralph Miller was the fortunate member this time.

Collegeville is just now coming into her own again with the lawns taking on a deep green and the trees sending out the first timid promises of verdure. And at the same time there comes a faint rumor that the Theatrical Club is considering the formation of a Woman's Civic Club for Collegeville, the purpose of which will be to beautify our borough.

They would use their efforts to brighten up the barren spots, have the trees, our greatest asset, properly attended to, and eliminate weeds and other unsightly things from the principal streets. If the ladies of Collegeville permit this scheme to wither and die they will have missed an opportunity to do something beautiful and lasting. All of us here in Pennsylvania might profit by what the village improvement societies are doing all through New England.

Colonel John M. Vanderslice is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yost have moved into a part of Pharon Lester's home.

Dr. Hill and family attended the funeral of a relative in Lansford, last week.

The large hedge in front of F. J. Clamer's residence was almost ruined by the cold weather of last winter. It will take four or five years for it to attain its former size and beauty.

County Superintendent J. Horace Landis was in town, Tuesday morning.

Miss Florence Seaman has secured a position in Philadelphia.

C. H. S. WILL OPEN BASEBALL SEASON.

The baseball team of the Collegeville High School will open its season Friday afternoon with Conshohocken H. S. The game will be played on the home grounds near the public school building.

The schedule follows: April 19, Conshohocken H. S. at home; April 23, Pottstown H. S. away; May 4, Pottstown away; May 14, Conshohocken away; May 24, Pottstown away; May 28, Spring City at home.

The team will line up as follows: Longaker, 2b.; Reiff, c.; Scheuren, 1b.; Walt, 3b.; A. Godshalk, ss.; Bartman, 1b.; Keyser, cf.; H. Godshalk, lf.; Bennett, p.

PARMS SOLD.

Anthony Poley has sold his farm of 45 acres, near Trappe, to David Buckwalter, of Perkiomen township. Mr. Buckwalter will take possession in the near future.

John H. Spang, the Eagleville real estate dealer, has sold the 44-acre farm of Louis Dubin, near Graterford, to James M. Carrickhoff, of Philadelphia; the farm of D. W. Kephling at Collegeville, to W. W. Wetzel, of Philadelphia, the farm of Jacob Buehr, Jr., near Shillkillville to C. C. Fisher, of Philadelphia, and the farm of Frank Bayley in Limerick to C. H. Roth, of Wissahickon.

ROYERSFORD PHYSICIAN RETURNS TO LIMERICK.

Through the agency of U. S. G. Finkbner the homestead of the late Dr. B. F. Dismant, at Limerick Centre, has been sold to Dr. J. D. Graber, of Royersford, who will occupy it as a residence in the near future. Dr. Graber intends to retire from active practice, his son having succeeded him, and will devote his time to an office practice and the pursuit of agriculture at his new rural home.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. W. CLEGG & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. W. CLEGG & CO. for many years, and believe them perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by them.

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Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting on the system, and cures all mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials and references, Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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## DEATHS.

Mrs. David H. Grubb.

Following a severe illness involving a complication of diseases, Harriet, wife of David H. Grubb, of Collegeville, died Tuesday night, aged 68. Deceased was the only daughter of Abraham and Julia Anna Rambo. She is survived by the sorrowing husband and three daughters, Annie, wife of Milton Wagner, of Roxborough; Flora, wife of John Platt, of Gwynedd, and Ella at home. The funeral will be held on Sunday with services at St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, at 1 o'clock p. m. Funeral Director J. L. Bechtel has charge.

Mark Ziegler.

Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Ziegler, of Limerick, died last Wednesday night, aged 1 year, 8 months and 10 days. The funeral was held on Sunday with interment in the Mingo Dunkard meeting-house cemetery. Funeral Director F. W. Shalkop had charge.

Infant Daughter of Frank Cassel.

Ruth, infant daughter of Frank and Marguerite Cassel, of Providence Square, died Thursday evening. The funeral was held on Saturday with interment in the Lower Providence Baptist cemetery. Funeral Director J. L. Bechtel had charge of arrangements.

William H. Davidheiser.

William H. Davidheiser, one of the most prominent and wealthiest residents of Douglas township, residing on a large farm at Gilbertsville, died early Saturday morning, aged 84 years, 6 months, having suffered with pneumonia the past five weeks. Mr. Davidheiser achieved a neat fortune, estimated at \$75,000. He filled the office of director of the National Bank of Boyertown for 28 years.

Henry Garber.

Henry Garber, one of the pioneers of Chester county, died late Saturday night in the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. Death was the result of a spinal affection, and Mr. Garber was operated upon by Dr. D. Costa two weeks ago. The operation itself was successful, but the ailment had reached such an aggravated state that Mr. Garber became steadily weaker. He was born in East Vincent township, December 24, 1849, later removing to Royersford, and for the past ten years has resided in Norristown.

Mother and Daughter Die Within Twenty-Four Hours.

Within twenty-four hours of the death of her daughter Wilhelmina, Mrs. Sarah J. Fronsfeld, died at Port Providence last week. The mother lived with her daughter but the elder lady died in ignorance of her daughter's demise. Wilhelmina F., wife of George Geary, died at her home in Port Providence, Thursday night, from pneumonia, aged 44 years. The husband and four children survive. The funeral was held on Monday with all services in the chapel of the Charles Evans cemetery, Reading. Funeral Director J. L. Bechtel had charge.

On Friday Sarah J., widow of the late David Fronsfeld, died at the residence of her son-in-law at Port Providence. The infirmities of old age caused her death. Deceased was 74 years old and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Canby Harner, of Phoenixville. Mrs. Fronsfeld had been a life-long resident of Port Providence. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Green Tree cemetery. Funeral Director J. L. Bechtel in charge of arrangements.

RECTOR OF WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL MARRIED.

Rev. W. Herbert Burk, rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, was married Saturday afternoon to Miss Eleanor H. Stroud, of Norristown. Bishop Garland, of Philadelphia, performed the ceremony at the Valley Forge Chapel.

Church Supper Saturday Evening.

From our Eagleville Correspondent.

The Lower Providence Baptist church will give a supper in the basement of the church Saturday evening, April 20th from 5 to 8. An excellent supper will be served at the price of 25 cents.

The Danger After Grip.

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of the dreaded disease. The greatest need is a tonic. Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and restorer of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of Grip. It suffering, try them. Only 30 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by Wm. M. Hill, druggist, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

OLD MONTGOMERY  
FOR T. ROOSEVELT

This Section of State Involved in State Wide Landslide Repudiating Taft and Favoring Ex-President.

Middle Montgomery fell in with the large majority of districts in the State and gave ex-President Roosevelt a majority over President Taft at the uniform primaries, Saturday. In Collegeville, Trappe and the surrounding districts about half of the regular Republican votes were polled and everywhere the delegates favoring Roosevelt carried the day over those admittedly in favor of Taft. William S. Acuff won the Republican nomination in this, the third district, for representative in the State Assembly over C. R. Addison, 1700 to 800.

In the Montgomery-Bucks district the Roosevelt delegates, C. Tyson Kratz and B. B. Foster, won by about 1000 over Charles Johnson and Joseph R. Grundy, the Taft delegates. The majority was 1500 delegates. The majority for Roosevelt in this county but Bucks went for Taft by 600, leaving the majority for the whole district at 1000.

Oscar O. Bean, of Doylestown, won the Republican nomination for Congress over Hugh B. Eastburn by 6300 to 2220. Representative Diefenderfer had no opposition for the Democratic nomination. As there were no contests among the Democrats only a light vote was polled. The Wilson delegates, Anders and Evans, won easily.

William M. Hill, a Collegeville druggist, won out as a State delegate favoring Roosevelt. He polled the high vote in Collegeville and ran well in the surrounding districts. His total vote was 1468. Mr. Hill may be a candidate for the national convention at Chicago as one of the 12 delegates-at-large from this State. He should have the support of all local Republicans.

Returns from the entire State indicate that Roosevelt has won 67 of the 70 delegates. Taft won most of the districts in Philadelphia but lost all in Pittsburgh. The rural and mining districts went strong for Roosevelt. It is probable that the Roosevelt men will control the State convention and elect all of the 12 delegates-at-large. The Wilson delegates won among the Democrats of the State.

The Republican vote in Collegeville follows: For Representative in Congress—Bean, 40; Eastburn, 13. Representative in the Assembly—Acuff, 43; Addison, 11. Delegates to National Convention—Foster, 7; Kratz, 1; Grundy, 21; Johnson, 25. Delegates to State Convention—Hill, 32; Graham, 31; Anderson, 30; Hunsicker, 26; Oberholtzer, 24; Potts, 24. F. W. Gristock was unanimously elected by 54 votes as local Republican County Committeeman. 'Squire G. W. Yost again was chosen Democratic Committeeman. Only 11 Democrats voted in Collegeville.

The Republican vote in Trappe follows: Representative in Congress—Bean, 33; Eastburn, 39. Representative in Assembly—Acuff, 33; Addison, 9. Delegates to National Convention—Foster, 26; Grundy, 17; Johnson, 19; Kratz, 21. Delegates to State Convention—Anderson, 24; Graham, 25; Hill, 25; Hunsicker, 21; Oberholtzer, 19; Potts, 16. 'Squire Shalkop was elected local Republican Committeeman by 39 votes. The Democrats pulled thirteen votes.

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FATALITY CLOSED  
30 YEARS' SERVICE

Veteran Employee of Reading Railroad Killed at Perkiomen Junction by Own Train, Sunday.

A thirty years' faithful service of a Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company's brakeman came to a sad end shortly after noon Sunday when William Warren Prutzman, of Pottstown, met death by being cut in half by his own train at Perkiomen Junction. Only a little more than a month ago, Lewis Rowland, a veteran engineer, was killed at Abrams, a few miles below the scene of Sunday's accident.

As usual, Mr. Prutzman left home at 5:30 o'clock, Sunday morning, to ride his train which runs daily between Barto and Philadelphia. For twenty-seven of the thirty years that Mr. Prutzman had been in the employ of the railway company he made the trip regularly.

Upon arriving in Philadelphia he was met at the Third and Berks streets freight station by his daughter, Miss Lillie Prutzman, who resides in that city and who always on Sunday morning would meet her father at that station.

When the train arrived at Perkiomen Junction it was found necessary to "kick out" several cars to a siding. These cars were in charge of Mr. Prutzman who allowed them to run into the siding and then in an endeavor to bring them to a standstill he applied the brakes, but found that he could not stop the cars in time to avoid striking the bumper at the end of the siding. Jumping from the car he ran ahead of it, trying to open the angle-cock to throw on the air; in doing so, it is thought that he slipped and, falling across the tracks, the cars passed over him, cutting his body in two.

Two crewmen who witnessed the accident ran to the spot where it occurred and were horrified at the sight before them. The dead body was picked up and put upon the train and taken to Phoenixville, where it was placed in the hands of Undertaker Bishop, who prepared it for transportation to Pottstown.

DEDICATE WINDOW IN LOWER PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A beautiful memorial window, valued at \$200 entitled "The Good Shepherd" in memory of the Rev. Charles William Nassan, D. D., pastor of the church from 1825 to 1828, and later pastor from 1832 to 1833, was unveiled Sunday in the Norristown and Lower Providence Presbyterian church, Eagleville. The window is the gift of his son, the Rev. Robert Hamill Nassan, D. D., a missionary in Africa under the Presbyterian board for 45 years. Dr. Nassan presented the gift in most impressive words. The latter's daughter, Miss Mary Bunnette Nassan, born in Africa, was present at the service.

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AN APPALLING CATASTROPHE.  
Monday evening the steamer Titanic, of the White Star Line, bound from Liverpool to New York, crushed into an iceberg off the Newfoundland banks and sank. About 2000 persons were aboard the great liner and reports Tuesday morning placed the number of lives lost at 1400. About 700 passengers were saved by other vessels summoned by wireless telegraphy. The catastrophe was one of the most calamitous and horrible in the destruction of human life in the whole history of steamship navigation. The great distress to the living caused by the frightful disaster will arouse the sympathy of the people of all nations.

THE ANTI-PENROSE-ROOSEVELT STORM IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Republican sentiment adverse to Senator Penrose, and all that his regime stands for, and the mesmeric influence of Theodore Roosevelt upon about one-fourth of the Republican voters of the State were productive at the primary election, Saturday, of the victorious sweep credited to the third-term candidate for the Presidency. The result must inevitably enhance the prospects of Mr. Roosevelt for a strong hold upon the Republican National Convention in June, and enable his delegate subjects to prevent the renomination of President Taft. It is not probable that the third-term aspirant will win the prize for himself. At this writing the figures indicate that President Taft will not have over 10 delegates out of 76 from Pennsylvania, one of the most hide-bound Republican States in the Union. The moral influence of the President's decisive defeat in this Commonwealth will no doubt weaken him in many of the States that will soon choose National delegates. The Rooseveltian fever that carries with it a temperature of 106, is very contagious. It is notoriously catching and will continue to fasten itself upon hosts of good people as well as upon a great horde of political tide-waiters and trimmers. But the silver-lining to the third-term Roosevelt storm clouds affords considerable encouragement and hope. Following Blankenburg's great victory in Philadelphia the result, Saturday, gives promise of the ending, in due season, of the Penrose dynasty. It gives promise of the coming of the day when many thousands of Republican voters in this State will become sufficiently liberalized to vote for a first-class Democratic candidate for President. It gives promise of a time when some Republicans will refuse to take orders like supplicating serfs. Therefore, the recent Roosevelt third-term thundergust is to be reckoned as something of a political blessing even though its loud tones and forked lightning messaged the violation of sacred pledges and essayed to message the fruition of the aspirations of the inordinate ambition of the most ambitious Napoleon of American politics. . . . The Democrats of Pennsylvania having expressed themselves in favor of the candidacy for the Presidency of Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, it will be interesting to note, by-and-by, how many Wilson voters will be added to the Pennsylvania delegation in the Baltimore Convention. . . . The result of the primary election in Montgomery and Bucks counties revealed a handful of surprises, probabilities and possibilities. The defeat of Charles Johnson, leader of the Republican organization in this county, by Cornelius Tyson Kratz, was hardly anticipated. About 50 per cent. of the Republican vote of the county was polled; all the Roosevelt advocates went to the polls and about half of the Republicans usually counted on to give the Republican organization assistance remained at home—and Mr. Kratz, with arms akimbo and an expansive smile, is up front in the Roosevelt band wagon. The Republican organization candidates for seats in the coming Republican State Convention also went tumbling head-over-heels to defeat. A majority of them are old attendants at State Conventions, and they can afford to stay at home and say their prayers, once in awhile. By the way, they should send a bouquet of dandelions to our dear belligerent German Professor, but they must not manifest enough inquisitiveness to enquire when he was naturalized, whether he has a legal right to vote in Pennsylvania, and how much of a sinecure he expects will come his way if Mr. Roosevelt lands a third-term. . . . Over in Bucks county, in this year of political disturbances and cyclones, the great Grundy, leader of the Republicans of that balliwick and a big figure among the high priests and beneficiaries of the great American robber tariff, was wallowed, and he will not sit as one of the delegates, duly elected by Republican voters, in the Chicago Convention. Editor Thomas, of the Bristol Gazette, began smiling Sunday morning and the smile still sticks to his physiognomy. The defeat of Mr. Grundy hardly presages easy sailing for his candidate for Congress.

NAPOLÉON OF France had the genius to get very close to the people when he desired to slake his consuming thirst for power and personal glory!

COTTON exports in the fiscal year which ends with the month of June will exceed by approximately two million bales the highest exports of any earlier year. The largest exportation in any fiscal year was that in 1907, aggregating 8,708,469 bales, while the exports for the 9 months ending with March, 1912, according to the latest figures of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, show a total of 9,418,297 bales, justifying the estimate that the total for the twelve months ending with June will be fully two million bales in excess of the former high record year, that of 1907 above alluded to.

TRADE of the United States with the Philippine Islands has more than doubled since the enactment in 1909 of the law providing for the free interchange of merchandise between those islands and the United States. The total trade with the Philippine Islands for the 8 months ending with February, 1912, amounted to over twenty million dollars, against less than fourteen million in the corresponding months of 1909, the last year prior to the enactment of the law admitting domestic merchandise from the United States into the Philippines free of duty, and domestic products except rice, of the Philippines into the United States free of duty.

ALL the countries of Europe are now great consumers of imitation butter, known as oleomargarine. Holland has become its greatest manufacturer. There is a single factory in Rotterdam which produces as much oleomargarine as does the whole of the United States. London is a vast consumer of the Holland made oleomargarine. It enters into the commerce of the world and is shipped to almost all ports reached by the great trading ships. While the United States cuts little figure in the oleomargarine trade of the world, it may claim some prominence as a manufacturer of the animal oils that go into the product. Great quantities of these animal oils of the packing houses are each year shipped abroad, going very largely to Holland.

Farm and Garden

BREEDING OF CORN.

Method of Artificial Pollination Recommended by Federal Experts.

In the breeding of corn, if accurate records regarding parentage are to be kept, all pollinations must be done by hand. In the methods of study now popular many pollinations are self-pollinations—that is, it is necessary to place the pollen of a plant on the silks of the same plant and protect the silks from all other pollen. By the methods usually employed it is impossible to be certain that all foreign pollen is excluded.

The usual method of making self-pollinations is to inclose the tassels and young ears in strong paper bags. When pollen has accumulated in the bag surrounding the tassel and the silks have emerged from the young ear the bag containing the pollen is removed. The ear is then uncovered, the pollen dusted over the silks and the bag replaced on the ear. During the operation the silks are necessarily exposed for a short time to any pollen that may be floating in the air. A number of refinements have been devised by different operators to reduce the chances of the silks receiving foreign pollen. The most effective is that proposed by Roberts. In his experimental field the tassels are all banded before they begin shedding pollen. There is thus no pollen free in the air of the field, except the small quantity that escapes while making the hand pollinations. The quantity of free pollen is further reduced by an insecticide method of applying the pollen by means of an insect powder "gun" or



SPRING PLANT, SHOWING METHOD OF USING TUBE TO INSURE SELF-POLLINATION.

CORN PLANT. Another precaution used by careful operators is to wash their hands in alcohol after each pollination.

The method here proposed involves the use of strong paper tubes about four inches in diameter and forty inches long. To apply the tubes one end is pushed over the tassel and wired firmly at a point just below the upper end of the last leaf sheath. The other end of the tube is then brought down and passed over the young ear and secured, as shown in the cut. In pulling the tube down to the ear the tassel will be bent to one side in such a way that as soon as the anthers open the pollen falls down the tube and comes in contact with the silks. To protect against any foreign pollen which may be present on the tassel or ear when bagged the tubes should be put in place four or five days before the silks are expected to appear. The greatest difficulty in applying the tubes is to allow for the elongation of the stalk above the ear. Unless guarded against this elongation will break the stalk at the base of the tassel and then push through the paper, making an opening where foreign pollen can enter. To prevent this breaking of the tube two extra folds are taken where the paper is connected, making a strip an inch or so wide composed of four thicknesses of paper. In adjusting the tubes this strip is placed on the upper side, causing the tube to form an even curve instead of bending sharply at one point. Since the tubes remain in place until all danger from foreign pollen is past, provision must be made for the increasing size of the ear. This can be done by using a coiled instead of a straight wire to fasten the tube to the ear—Circular United States Department of Agriculture.

Follow a definite rotation and free yourself and your family from dependence upon a staple crop and the credit system. Diversified farming will make it possible.

What Makes Soils Productive.

"Any soil which was once rich can again be made rich," is the declaration made by Professor Alfred Vivian, acting dean of the college of agriculture, Ohio State university, in a recent address. The principal factor concerned in the restoration of soil fertility, according to Professor Vivian, is organic matter. "The destruction of organic matter, by cultivation and otherwise, is largely responsible for the depletion of our soils," said he.

"Critic" Wisdom.

Slage may be fed to loafing horses in limited quantities. It should not be given a horse when giving even a moderate amount of work.

A cheap grade of roofing paper makes a good lining for the cow stable. It may be put on the inside and held in place by plastering lat or thin boards nailed through it to the outside boards. This will keep out the cold winds and keep in the warmth.

Rye is not only a suitable but an excellent food for growing pigs. It should be ground into a fine meal and mixed in a rather thin slop with water or, preferably, skimmilk. If the slop soaks for twelve hours before feeding, so much the better. In this shape the pigs may have all they will eat up clean and quickly three times a day.

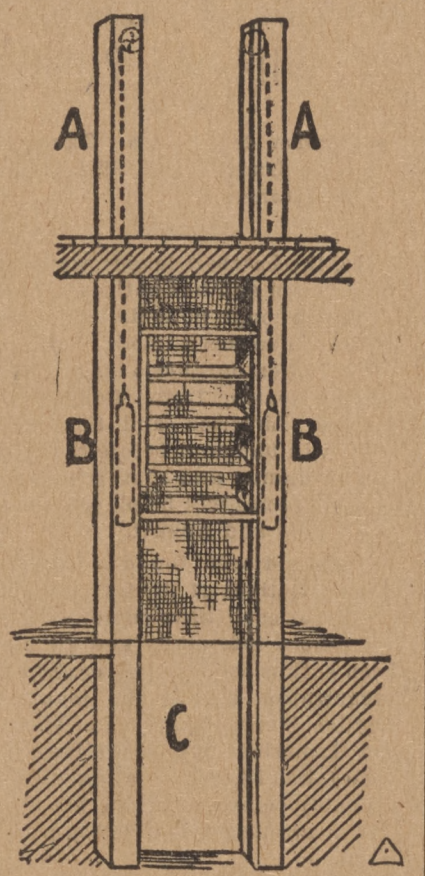
Peanut fed pork will become one of the staples of the meat market if experiments that are being made throughout the southwest bring the expected results. The agricultural authorities of several states are pressing upon farmers the benefits to be derived from growing Spanish peanuts, and next summer the output will be largely increased.

To get rid of hog lice apply freely along spine a mixture of equal parts of kerosene and machine oil by means

of stiff cotton or apply it to all parts of the body by rubbing in with a rag or cotton waste. Repeat the application in ten days. Irritating applications, such as undiluted kerosene, cannot safely be used on sows in pig, as abortion may follow their use.

HELP FOR THE BUSY WIFE.

Dumb Waiter, Easily Made, Saves Many Steps From Kitchen to Cellar. If you have a cellar beneath your kitchen here is a simple device I have found saves many steps, says a woman correspondent of the Farm and Fire-side. My waiter is two feet square and has four shelves one foot apart. This is about the right size for ordinary



EASILY MADE DUMB WAITER.

family use. It is framed with two sides open and two solid. The closed sides have strips, one on each side, that move in a groove in a case. These are in the center, just opposite the place where the cords are fastened. The case in which the waiter works is one-fourth inch longer than the waiter, so as to permit free movement. The weights BB, which should correspond weight of waiter, are in cases AA, which run entire length of shaft. Two sides of the frame in the cellar are made tight and the other two inclosed with screen wire so that one side will open. There is an opening, C, which extends five feet below cellar floor. When the waiter is lowered all light is shut out. This device also does away with ice and ice chests.

CLEAN UP YOUR PLACE.

What John Burroughs says about western farm buildings and their surroundings has enough merit to make it stick and enough importance to justify wider circulation. When for the first time he recently crossed the prairies of the Mississippi valley he wrote: "As a farmer I rejoiced at the endless vistas of beautiful fertile farms. . . . As a home body and lover of the cozy and picturesque I recoiled from the bald native farmhouses with their unkempt surroundings, their rude sheds and black muddy barnyards."

New Wheat Found.

After a number of years' experimenting with a variety of wheat known as chule H. F. Blanchard of the western Washington substation has succeeded in separating the pure white strain from the mixture. In tests recently completed the new wheat has averaged five bushels more to the acre than the white Australian variety, which is an accepted standard. On land at the station which has been planted to alfalfa and corn for the last four years this variety yielded eight bushels to the acre as against seventy bushels of the Australian variety produced under the same conditions.

SPOTS ON THE SUN

They Indicate the Aging of Our Orb of Life and Light.

THE GREAT SOLAR TRAGEDY.

A Grim Play in Which the "Star" is Fighting For Existence, Has Absolutely No Chance to Win and Whose Death Means the End of the World.

Life is a tragedy, the earth a stage, men and women its actors, the "gods" the audience. Some pessimists believe that this great play of life is more comic than tragic in the opinion of the spectators.

However this may be, there is another, vastly greater, tragedy of life at which man himself is an onlooker, although, unfortunately, his own ultimate fate is bound up with the denouement of the play. It is the life drama of the solar system. Its chief actor is the sun, and men are beginning to rub their eyes and wipe the specks from their glasses as they perceive more and more plainly indications that the "star" of the play is aging.

The fact is becoming too clear that for him this is no sport, but real, deadly tragedy. He is not acting a part, but fighting for life. He cannot win; he can only prolong the struggle, and when he falls exhausted the stage, the theater, actors, spectators, pit and galleries will go with him in one universal ruin.

Until recently we were only troubled a little in mind by the sun spots. It was evident that they must cut off some radiation, but the amount appeared to be trifling, and their maxima are far apart, ten or eleven years. But now we are beginning to rub their eyes and wipe the specks from their glasses as they perceive more and more plainly indications that the "star" of the play is aging.

Here is the crux of the whole matter. What does the recognition of the fact that the sun is a veritable star mean? What may it mean to the earth and its inhabitants? These questions can best be answered by considering other variable stars. Let us take an extreme example. There is in the constellation of the Whale a famous variable star known as Mira the Wonderful. In a period of about ten months on the average it changes from the third—sometimes the second—magnitude to about the ninth and then back again.

This means, in the extreme, a probable difference of between two and three hundred times in the amount of

light and heat which it radiates around it at maximum and at minimum.

When it is faintest it cannot be seen with the naked eye; when it is brightest it is a conspicuous object. As it fades it turns reddish in color, and when it brightens it blazes with brilliant spectroscopic lines.

It is probably a sun at least as great as our sun, and it has recently been found that its spectrum resembles in some striking peculiarities the spectra of sun spots.

Did it ever have any worlds to light and nourish? If so think of the condition of those worlds now.

A sun is like a living organism—it wears out. As it ages it becomes more and more variable. It maintains itself and its planets while its radiant power lasts, but it cannot do so forever. It contracts, flickers, struggles, fades and goes out. Its lifetime is millions of years, but it has an end.

"Let us account as a mere nothing," cried Bossuet, "everything that ends, for, though we should multiply years beyond the reach of numbers, yet all would be nothing when the fatal term is reached."—Garrett P. Serviss in New York American.

Ham Experts.

In certain watering places of Europe men make fortunes in ham shops. There is said to be such a shop in Carlsbad, where a man in white garments slices the lean Prague ham or the fatter Westphalian for the people who are at the springs. It is said that none there are really judges of ham until they can argue every morning outside the shop for a quarter of an hour as to what breed of pig gives the most appetizing slice. At Marienbad the representatives of the most exclusive circles of society in the world lunch on lean ham.—Argonaut.

The Sign of Equality.

Robert Recorde introduced the sign of equality into algebra. Recorde was the first English author who wrote on the subject of algebra. In his treatise called "The Whetstone of Witte," published about 1557, he says: "To avoid the tedious repetition of these words, is equal to, I will sette, as I doe often in worke use, a paire of parallel lines of one lengthe, thus: =, because no 2 thynges can be more equalle."

Just the Other Way.

"I suppose," observed the envious person, "that when you go to Europe the whole continent tips up."

"Not at all," said the experienced traveler. "When I go to Europe I usually have to tip the whole continent!"—Chicago Tribune.

An Offset.

"Did you lend that forgetful friend of ours the book he asked for?"

"Yes, but I took care to borrow his umbrella the same day."—Washington Star.

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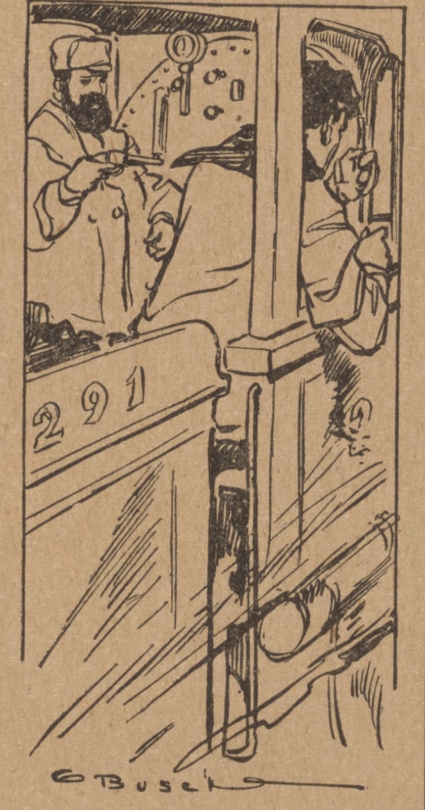
**A Thrilling Escape**  
Of a Russian Revolutionist Who Captured a Locomotive  
By PETER POTOFF

In a restaurant in the lower part of New York a number of Russian exiles were dining and talking. One of them told the following experiences:

Ten years ago we revolutionists were sometimes as much puzzled at one another's movements as the government was puzzled at both. In the first place the deepest plotters among us were pretending to be serving the government. Some were known to their revolutionary intimates to be playing this game, while some were not. I was a locomotive engineer and was supposed to be working for the chief of police. I was to receive a reward for information leading to the capture of any one either tampering with the roads before the expected transit over it of a high government official or the arrest of any "political" attempting to escape by the road.

Several of us were at the time conspiring to kill a prominent government official in Moscow, and we were going about the matter methodically. One of our number was watching him with a view to determining his habits. Another had the bomb in charge with which we intended to do the work, while I was running the engine hauling a passenger train between Moscow and Odessa by which we might get the assassin out of Russia.

One day a young man came into the yard where I was oiling my locomotive and asked me if I would carry him out of Moscow some day on my engine. I asked him why he wished to go with me instead of in a coach, and he confessed that he desired to carry some



"NEVER MIND THE SMASHUP, GET THERE!" funds with him which another was trying to get hold of. He offered to pay me a thousand rubles to take him out. Thinking him to be one who had committed a robbery, I informed the police of the matter, describing the man minutely and pretending to suspect him of being a revolutionist up to some villainy. They failed to find him, at which I was not disappointed.

My companion and myself were still watching and waiting, when one morning not long before my train left I thought I heard a distant faint boom. Being engaged at that kind of business myself, my attention was arrested, but there are many causes for such explosions in cities, and I soon forgot this one. At the starting time I pulled my train out and on reaching the outskirts of the city saw ahead of me a switch turned to throw me off the track. I was obliged to stop. A man came from behind a shed, threw the switch and I reached it, and I started on. As I passed the switch the man climbed up into the cab with me.

"I wish you," he said, "to drive this engine for all she is worth."

Feeling that my load was lightened, I took a look out from my train standing on the track behind me. Some one, doubtless a confederate, of the man in the cab with me, had uncoupled it.

"Who are you?" I asked, looking at the man beside me.

"Never mind who I am," he said, pulling a revolver from under his coat and cocking it. "Get all the speed you can out of this engine."

I remembered to have heard his voice before, and in a few moments I knew, though he was disguised, that he was the man who had offered me 1,000 rubles to let him ride with me. Evidently he was running away with the funds, as he had intended, and was using my engine for the purpose without my consent. I was unarmed, and there was nothing to do but obey him. I hesitated the space of a few seconds.

What occupied my mind was how to make capital with the government out of the episode. I couldn't see any way to prevent his escape, but it occurred to me that the conductor of the train I had left would telegraph ahead the fact that I had run away from him. This led me to glance at the telegraph wires beside the road, and I noticed that they were sagging. I felt sure they had been cut. Then I began to realize that my passenger's flight was a deep laid scheme. He had not only a confederate who had detached the train, but one who had cut the wires. He was the coolest chap I ever met, but he was as determined as he was cool. I knew by his eye that the slightest disobedience on my part would be followed by a bullet crashing through my brain.

Being of his kind myself, I determined to have an understanding with him. "Tell me," I said, "what you wish to accomplish and I will do my part in accomplishing it for you."

"I wish to catch the boat at Odessa for Constantinople."

"It is impossible—that is, we shall have a smashup on the way."

"Never mind the smashup! Get there!"

He said this as one who would prefer to die under a heap of metal to being taken. I began to doubt if it was money he was getting away with. I determined to apply a test.

"You have killed a government official," I said, "and are endeavoring to get out of the country."

He paled. He was about to deny the charge, but changed his mind.

"And as such would you help or detain me?"

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"Another cut the telegraph wires?" "Others—several others."

I put on every ounce of steam possible and pulled the throttle wide open. "Do you know," I said, "that I and two others have been working all winter to accomplish the deed you have done?"

"No!"

"We have. You, working on other lines, have anticipated us. Had we, instead of you, succeeded another would have been here in your place. You can understand how I feel and cannot doubt that every nerve in my body will be strained to save you."

For a few minutes I gave myself up to thinking how to avoid other trains and like dangers. Then I said to the fugitive:

"We must play a part. You can personate a government official. Tell those along the line that there has been an assassination in Moscow and the perpetrator is on a train ahead of us. At the first station south of which there is telegraphic connection order the train dispatcher to send word for all trains and obstructions to clear the track. I, as a trusted engineer of the road and the government will, if necessary, confirm your story."

I shall never forget the look he gave me.

"Good!" he exclaimed. "What a remarkable coincidence! Without some unforeseen misfortune we shall succeed."

We soon pulled up at a station, and my passenger hurriedly called out what I had suggested, and without stopping I drove on. We knew not if the order he gave would be obeyed, but we believed it would. As we rattled along we saw trains sidetracked and persons gazing at us, though they only saw us as by a flash of lightning. Every switch was properly placed for us. As we were obliged to stop for water, but the fugitive ordered those connected with the tank to get to work so sharply that neither they nor we lost time.

Then we came to a station where the station master had put out a red flag. As we approached I suggested to my man to simply try haste. I slowed down as we passed the station. "What is it?"

"We have a telegram from Moscow to stop all trains or engines."

"It was evident that the wires had been repaired."

"You have not been ordered to stop us!" yelled my companion. "We are on government business that admits of no stop. An assassination has been committed. The assassin is ahead of us and we must catch him!"

I waited for no more, but pulled open the throttle, and with a jump, our steed shot forward. Half an hour passed, during which we ran through villages, rattled over bridges, plunged through cuts, while all along the road both the people and the railroad officials stood gaping at us. As we drew near Odessa—my companion was marking the time with his watch, while I noted the miles—we saw another red flag. Just beyond it a crowd of people came to draw us off. But I noticed a man standing with his hand on it, and I believed the matter to be a bluff. At any rate, I drove on at full speed, and an instant before we reached the switch it was turned to let us go by.

But my heart was in my throat.

We both believed that we would be prevented from getting on the boat at Odessa and determined to outwit the officials by stopping half a mile from the station. We pulled up in a wood and ran for the house. As we approached it we walked leisurely like any other passenger, but were obliged to hurry toward the end in order to get aboard before the withdrawal of the gangplank. Then we both went to a dark corner, where we kept out of sight till the vessel was well away from land.

Who my companion was I never knew—never wanted to know. I came to America, where I have lived ever since. If I go back to Russia I will either go to Siberia or the scaffold.

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One day he and his party came upon a morass, the furrowed ground, trodden grass, turbid pools and pesty odor of which indicated that it was the headquarters of all the peccaries in the vicinity. But not a pig was to be seen. The camp was fortified. In the night there came an alarm. Suddenly from all around rose the sound of simultaneous snapping of teeth, and then came the charge of hundreds of black animals rushing toward the fort.

Guns were discharged, and the occupants reached down and slashed with their knives at the swarming pigs below. Numbers of these were cut down by the men in the fort, but others, impelled by those in the rear, threw themselves forward, ripping and slashing with their sharp tusks.

Suddenly the attack ceased. The animals had silently withdrawn. Then without a moment's warning came the crash of teeth came another wild charge, and the fight was renewed. Again the pigs drew off, and again they renewed the battle. Seven times they charged during the night, and not until daylight was the last grunt heard—Harper's.

**WASTE OF SUPPLIES.**  
A Business Problem and the Way One Factory Solved It.

In one manufacturing plant the superintendent found that his men were careless with supplies. He decided that too much material was kept on hand in the shop. Mechanics found it an easier matter to throw away slightly damaged or spoiled work and begin on a new piece than to take precautions in turning out their work, remarks a writer in Business. He therefore devised a stores order which made every foreman responsible for raw material issued to his department. New material could not be had from the general store except on requisition, and the general store would honor no requisition unless it was O. K'd by the foreman. These lists were kept on file and totaled at the end of each month to enable the superintendent to make comparisons.

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A Cautious Parent.  
She—Robert, just look at little Els. (aged three weeks). The darling grows more beautiful every day. She will make a good match some time or other. He—For goodness' sake, don't talk about such things before the child!—London Tit-Bits.

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